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FOR UNDER SECRETARY CASEY

1. FOLLOWING TELEX ADDRESSED TO YOU RECEIVED OCTOBER 2
FROM VAN DER REST, HEAD OF EC STEEL PRODUCERS ASSOCIATIONS:

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" DEAR MR. CASEY, UNDERSTAND PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION AMEND-

MENT IN TRADE BILL WAS SUBMITTED TO HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE LAST WEEK AND THEN WITHDRAWN WITHOUT VOTE ON ITS INCLUSION IN BILL. URGENTLY REQUEST ON BEHALF OF ALL EUROPEAN STEEL INDUSTRIES CONCERNED THAT THIS MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH CONGRESSMAN MILLS AS TO WHETHER AMENDMENT BE RESUBMITTED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION ON WEDNESDAY. BELIEVE MILLS SYMPATHETIC TO PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION. YOURS SINCERELY, VAN DER REST."

2. ON SEPTEMBER 25, WHICH TURNED OUT OT BE LAST DY OF WAYS AND MEANS MARKUP SESSION ON TRADE BILL, JULES KATZ SOUGHT TO HAVE VRA SAVING CLAUSE INCLUDED IN TRADE BILL. PETTIS (R. -CALIF.) SPONSORED AMENDMENT BUT WHEN GIBBONS (D.-FLA.) OBJECTED STRENUOUSLY ON SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS AND ACTING CHAIRMAN ULLMAN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE JURISDICTIONAL CHALLENGE FROM JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, PETTIS WITHDREW AMENDMENT. HAD MATTER COME TO VOTE IT ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE BEEN ADOPTED. BUT IN VIEW TENSE ATMOSPHERE IN COMMITTEE FOLLOWING SEVERAL BRUISING ISSUES, FEELING THAT AMENDMENT WAS PREMATURE PENDING APPEALS COURT DECISION AND POSSIBLE JURISDICTIONAL FIGHT, COMMITTEE CLEARLY PREFERRED HAVE ISSUE SET ASIDE.

3. IN RESPONSE SEPARATE TELEX MESSAGES FROM EUROPEAN PRODUCERS, ATTORNEYS HEMMENDINGER AND COERPER PLACED CALLS ON OCTOBER 2 TO CHAIRMAN MILLS IN ARKANSAS REQUESTING HIS INTERVENTION WITH COMMITTEE. MILLS' SECRETARY SAID MESSAGES PASSED TO CHAIRMAN BUT ON DOCTOR'S ORDERS HE WAS REFRAINING FROM CONDUCTING ANY BUSINESS WITH COMMITTEE.

4. UNLESS YOU PREFER DELAYING RESPONSE UNTIL YOUR RETURN WASHINGTON, YOU MAY WISH SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO VAN DER REST THROUGH EMBASSY BRUSSELS:

" A COPY OF YOUR TELEX HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO ME IN EUROPE ALONG WITH A REPORT OF OUR EFFORTS PERSUADE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TO ADOPT PROTECTIVE LANGUAGE AS PART TRADE BILL. I REGRET THAT CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT PERMIT FAVORABLE OUTCOME OUR EFFORTS. I WISH HOWEVER TO RECALL AND TO REAFFIRM STATEMENT MADE TO YOU IN MY LETTER OF APRIL 4 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF OUR READINESS TO SEEK AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT FOREIGN PRODUCERS FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR THE ARRANGEMENT UNDER U.S. ANTITRUST LAWS IF A FINAL COURT DECISION REJECTS THE FOREIGN PRODUCERS DEFENSE TO ANTI-TRUST LIABILITY BASED ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCLUSION OF THE VRA.

" WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT THE APPEALS COURT WILL RULE

FAVORABLY ON PENDING LITIGATION. SHOULD COURT RULING BE
FURTHER DELAYED OR SHOULD RULING BE ADVERSE, WE ARE
READY SEEK ACTION IN SENATE WHEN IT CONSIDERS TRADE BILL."
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